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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A vehicle comprising:
a vehicle body;
a drive system mounted to said vehicle body for contacting a travel surface,
whereby rotation of at least a portion of said drive system enables movement of
said vehicle body relative the travel surface; and
an internal combustion engine mounted to said vehicle body and coupled
with said drive system, said engine comprising a crankshaft mounted in a
crankcase, an oil pan detachably coupled with said crankcase, a regulating wall
separating first and second side chambers of said oil pan, first and second oil
pumps coupled with said crankshaft through a coupling system, said first and
second oil pumps being housed in said first side chamber of said oil pan, a first oil
inlet port between said first oil pump and said first side chamber of said oil pan,
and a second oil inlet port between said second oil pump and said second side
chamber of said oil pan.
2. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, wherein said first and second oil pumps
protrude below a lower surface of said crankcase.
3. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, wherein said coupling system comprises
a pump shaft coupled with said first and second oil pumps.
4. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, wherein said coupling system comprises
a chain coupler coupled with said crankshaft.
5. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, wherein said coupling system and said
first and second oil pumps are located on a first side of said regulating wall.
6. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, additionally comprising a third oil pump
being housed in said first side chamber.
7. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, additionally comprising a third oil
pump, said first, second and third oil pumps being driven by a common pump shaft.
8. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, wherein at least one wall of said
crankcase separates said crankshaft from said oil pan.

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9. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, wherein said vehicle body comprises a saddle-riding type seat.

10. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, wherein said vehicle body comprises a steering assembly coupled with one or more skis.

11. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 1, wherein said drive system comprises a drive track.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body;

a drive system mounted to said vehicle body for contacting a travel surface;

and

an internal combustion engine mounted to said vehicle body and coupled with said drive system, said engine comprising a crankshaft mounted in a crankcase, an oil pan detachably coupled with said crankcase, a regulating wall separating first and second side chambers of said oil pan, and a means for lubricating said engine;

wherein said lubricating means is located in said first side chamber of said oil pan, and wherein said lubricating means draws oil from said first and second side chambers of said oil pan.

13. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 12, wherein said lubricating means comprises first and second oil pumps.

14. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 13, wherein said lubricating means additionally comprises a third oil pump.

15. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 14, wherein said first, second and third oil pumps are driven by a common pump shaft.

16. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 12, wherein said lubricating means protrudes below a lower surface of said crankcase.

17. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 12, additionally comprising a coupling system coupling said lubricating means with said crankshaft.

18. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 17, wherein said coupling system comprises a pump shaft coupled with said lubricating means.

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19. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 17, wherein said coupling system comprises a drive chain coupled with said crankshaft.

20. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 17, wherein said coupling system and said lubricating means are located on a first side of said regulating wall.

21. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 12, wherein at least one wall of said crankcase separates said crankshaft from said oil pan.

22. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 12, wherein said vehicle body comprises a saddle-riding type seat.

23. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 12, wherein said vehicle body comprises a steering assembly coupled with one or more skis.

24. **(Original)** The vehicle of Claim 12, wherein said drive system comprises a drive track.

Please add new Claims 25-33 as follows:

25. **(New)** A vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body;

a drive system mounted to said vehicle body for contacting a travel surface, whereby rotation of at least a portion of said drive system enables movement of said vehicle body relative the travel surface; and

an internal combustion engine mounted to said vehicle body and coupled with said drive system, said engine comprising a crankshaft mounted in a crankcase, an oil pan detachably coupled with said crankcase, a regulating wall separating first and second side chambers of said oil pan, first and second oil pumps coupled with said crankshaft through a coupling system, said first and second oil pumps being housed in said first side chamber, a first oil inlet port between said first oil pump and said first side chamber, and a second oil inlet port between said second oil pump and said second side chamber, wherein said first and second oil pumps protrude below a lower surface of said crankcase.

26. **(New)** The vehicle of Claim 25, additionally comprising a third oil pump, said first, second and third oil pumps being driven by a common pump shaft.

27. **(New)** The vehicle of Claim 25, wherein said vehicle body comprises a steering assembly coupled with one or more skis.

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28. (New) The vehicle of Claim 25, wherein said drive system comprises a drive track.

29. (New) A vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body;

a drive system mounted to said vehicle body for contacting a travel surface;

and

an internal combustion engine mounted to said vehicle body and coupled with said drive system, said engine comprising a crankshaft mounted in a crankcase, an oil pan detachably coupled with said crankcase, a regulating wall separating first and second side chambers of said oil pan, and a means for lubricating said engine;

wherein said lubricating means is located in said first side chamber, wherein said lubricating means draws oil from said first and second side chambers, and wherein said lubricating means protrudes below a lower surface of said crankcase.

30. (New) The vehicle of Claim 29, additionally comprising a coupling system coupling said lubricating means with said crankshaft.

31. (New) The vehicle of Claim 29, wherein at least one wall of said crankcase separates said crankshaft from said oil pan.

32. (New) A vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body;

a drive system mounted to said vehicle body for contacting a travel surface, whereby rotation of at least a portion of said drive system enables movement of said vehicle body relative the travel surface; and

an internal combustion engine mounted to said vehicle body and coupled with said drive system, said engine comprising a crankshaft mounted in a crankcase, an oil pan detachably coupled with said crankcase, a regulating wall separating first and second side chambers of said oil pan, first and second oil pumps coupled with said crankshaft through a coupling system, said first and second oil pumps being housed in said first side chamber, a first oil inlet port between said first oil pump and said first side chamber, and a second oil inlet port between said second oil pump and said second side chamber, wherein said first and

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second oil pumps are positioned between said crankshaft and a bottom wall of said oil pan.

33. (New) The vehicle of Claim 32, wherein at least a bottom wall of said crankcase is positioned between said crankshaft and said oil pan.